used to harass honest officials. At present there is no proposal to issue any new guidelines in this regard.

Compliance of Official Language Policy by UPSC

†1274. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UPSC are following the orders pertaining to the official language policy; and

(b) the action taken so far by Government for the compliance of the O.M. No. 13034/37/92 O.L.(C), dated the 2nd June, 1992 of the Ministry of Home Affairs in connection with recruitments and interviews?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir. Provisions of the Official Language Act are followed in UPSC.

(b) The call letters for interview are issued by UPSC to candidates both in English and Hindi. In respect of recruitment through interview the option of the candidates is not obtained in writing regarding the medium for interview. They are allowed to choose the medium of interview i.e. in Hindi or in English. UPSC conducts one limited departmental examination viz. the Section Officers/ Stenographers (Grade 'B'/Grade 'I') Limited Departmental Competitive Examination every year. The candidates are allowed the option of Hindi medium for certain papers. Hindi medium could not be allowed for some of the papers as the reference books for these papers are not available in Hindi. The question of getting these books translated into Hindi has been taken up with the concerned Ministries/Departments. Once the books in Hindi are made available, the facility of answering the papers of this examination in Hindi will be extended to all the papers of the examination.

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.